

## Unfortunate Findings on sediment

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Regarding your Jan. 4 article "Cary, state see no runoff in Kit Creek": While hunting on Jordan Lake game lands over Christmas break, I witnessed a failing sediment basin from Lennar development discharging a torrent of orange sediment-laden water (for over a week) that flowed over public lands into Kit Creek and into Jordan Lake -- a drinking water supply for Cary and 200,000 Triangle residents. Lennar development storm drains were also choked with sediment, silt fences were toppled over with a foot of mud in the street and several sediment basins were filled with mud, boulders and weeds (indicating no maintenance had been done for months).

Failure to maintain these devices led to sediment pollution entering Jordan Lake. The N.C. Sedimentation Pollution Control Act prohibits off-site sedimentation and requires developers to provide routine maintenance. According to EPA water quality reports, sediment is the single largest source of impairment to our nation's waters.

Unfortunately, regulators determined "no problems" existed. It is disheartening when regulators become apologists for polluters. Sediment pollution is only going to get worse as the population doubles over the next 20 years unless our political leaders demand strong enforcement of environmental laws.

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